



How to change front  
brake pads on **AUDI A8**  
**(4E2, 4E8)** – replacement  
guide

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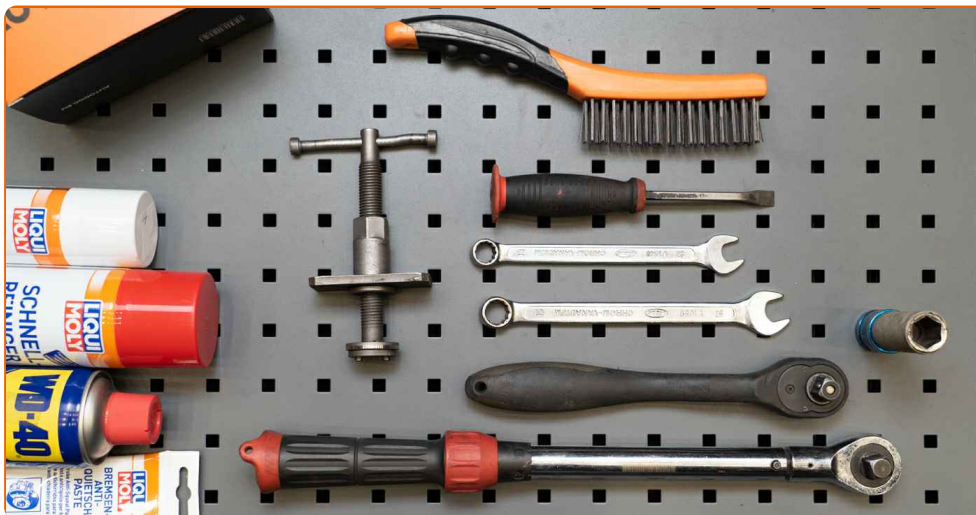
This replacement procedure can be used for:

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The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

This tutorial was created based on the replacement procedure for a similar car part on: AUDI A4 Avant (8E5, B6) 1.9 TDI

**REPLACEMENT: BRAKE PADS – AUDI A8 (4E2, 4E8).  
TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:**



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Anti-squeal paste
- Copper grease
- Combination spanner #13
- Combination spanner #15
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Brake caliper wind back tool
- Torque wrench
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

**Buy tools**

Replacement: brake pads – AUDI A8 (4E2, 4E8). Professionals recommend:

- Perform the replacement of brake pads in complete set for each axis. This provides effective braking.
- The replacement procedure is identical for all brake pads on the same axle.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

## REPLACEMENT: BRAKE PADS – AUDI A8 (4E2, 4E8). USE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:

**1** Open the bonnet. Unscrew the brake fluid reservoir cap.



**2** Secure the wheels with chocks.



**3** Loosen the wheel mounting bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.



**4** Raise the front of the car and secure on supports.

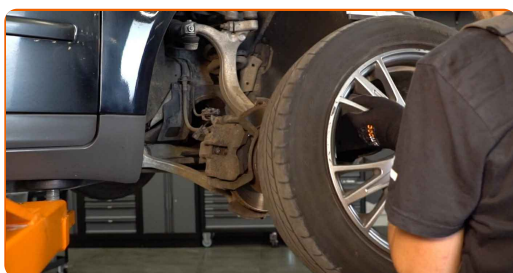
**5** Unscrew the wheel bolts.



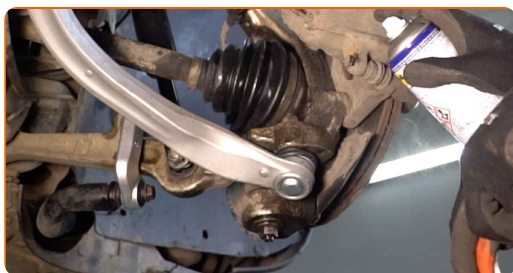
**Replacement: brake pads – AUDI A8 (4E2, 4E8). Tip:**

- To avoid injury, hold up the wheel when unscrewing the bolts.

**6** Remove the wheel.



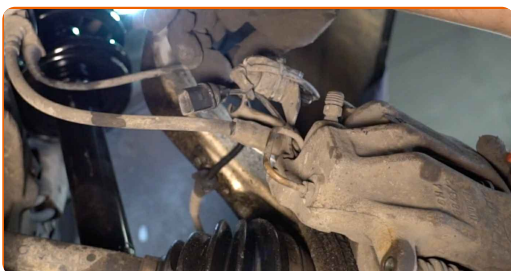
**7** Clean the brake caliper fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



**8** Unscrew the brake caliper fastening. Use a combination spanner #13. Use a combination spanner #15.



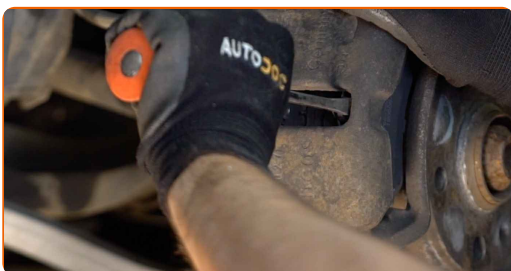
**9** Disconnect the brake pads wear sensor. Use a crowbar.



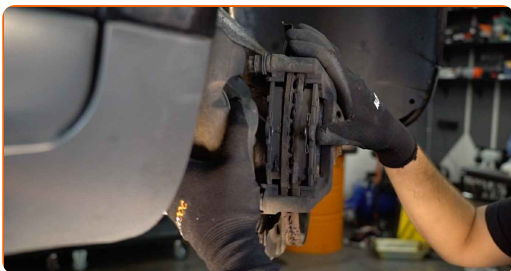
**Please note!**

- Some cars are not equipped with the brake pad wear sensor.

**10** Spread the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



**11** Remove the brake caliper.



Replacement: brake pads – AUDI A8 (4E2, 4E8). AUTODOC recommends:

- Tie the caliper to the suspension or to the body with a wire without disconnecting from the brake hose to prevent depressurization of the brake system.
- Make sure that the brake caliper is not hanging on the brake hose.
- Don't press the brake pedal after the brake caliper has been removed. As a result, the piston can fall out from the brake cylinder, and brake fluid leakage and depressurization of the system may occur.
- Check the brake caliper bracket, brake caliper guide pins and boots. Clean them. Replace, if necessary.

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Remove the brake pads.



Replacement: brake pads – AUDI A8 (4E2, 4E8). AUTODOC experts recommend:

- Measure the brake disc thickness. Upon reaching the wear limit the part must be replaced.



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Clean the brake caliper bracket from dirt and dust. Use a wire brush. Use a brake cleaner.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: brake pads – AUDI A8 (4E2, 4E8). After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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Treat the brake caliper piston. Use a brake cleaner.



Replacement: brake pads – AUDI A8 (4E2, 4E8). Tip from AUTODOC:

- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.



**15**

Press in the brake caliper piston. Use brake caliper wind back tool.



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Treat the brake pads in the area where their surface comes into contact with the brake caliper bracket. Use anti-squeal paste.

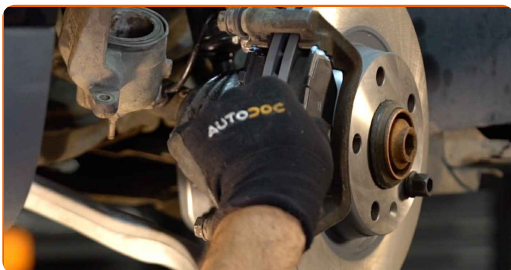


**Replacement: brake pads – AUDI A8 (4E2, 4E8). Tip:**

- Make sure the disc surface is clean before installing the pads.

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Install new brake pads.



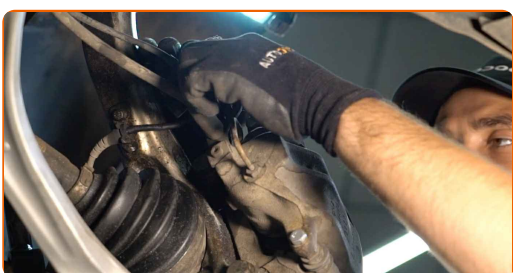
**Replacement: brake pads – AUDI A8 (4E2, 4E8). Tip from AUTODOC:**

- Make sure the pads are installed with linings facing the disc.

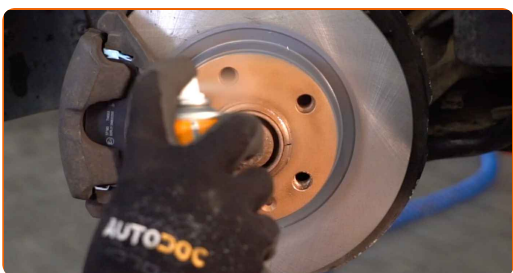
- 18** Install the brake caliper and fix it. Use a combination spanner #13. Use a combination spanner #15. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 30 Nm torque.



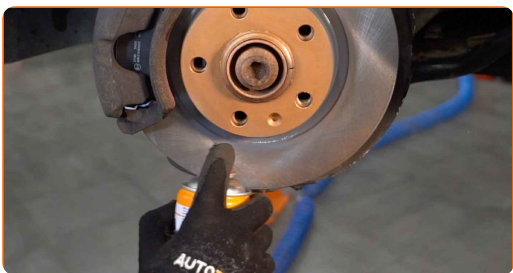
- 19** Connect the brake pads wear sensor.



- 20** Treat the surface where the brake disc contacts the wheel rim. Use copper grease.



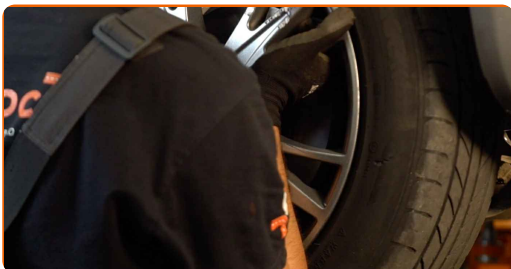
- 21** Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



Replacement: brake pads – AUDI A8 (4E2, 4E8). AUTODOC recommends:

- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

**22** Install the wheel.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while screwing in the fastening bolts on the car. AUDI A8 (4E2, 4E8)

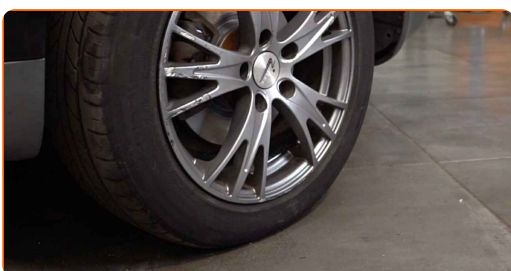
**23** Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.



**24** Lower the car and working in a cross order, tighten the wheel bolts. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 120 Nm torque.



**25** Remove the jacks and chocks.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Important! Replacement: brake pads – AUDI A8 (4E2, 4E8). Check the brake fluid level in the reservoir and top up if necessary.

**26**

Tighten the brake fluid reservoir cap.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- AUDI A8 (4E2, 4E8) – Without starting the engine, press the brake pedal several times until it feels firm.

**27**

Close the hood.

**Replacement: brake pads – AUDI A8 (4E2, 4E8). AUTODOC experts recommend:**

- Slow down smoothly for first 150-200 km after the brake pads replacement. Avoid unnecessary and sharp braking to a stop.

**WELL DONE!** 

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